



14 June 2004



60th Anniversary of D-Day Execution A Tribute to Soldiers and Civilians of USAREUR

1. We just completed executing the 60th Anniversary of D-Day! The event was incredible and effectively honored our WWII Vets, while ensuring world leaders had the right forum to express their appreciation for freeing the world of tyranny. For the over one thousand USAREUR Soldiers and civilians who made this event successful, your accomplishments showed thousands of American, British, Canadian, and French veterans how very special they really are. You made every one of them feel like the heroes. At the same time, your work in taking care of these veterans gave them and millions of others around the world a glimpse of how special you are. I am very, very proud of each and every one of you.

2. Using the work done in preparation for the 50th anniversary as a model, you planned flawlessly. But even with that model you had to do much more in less time than was done 10 years ago. Making this achievement even more impressive was your having to plan and execute this mission throughout various phases of deployment, redeployment, reintegration, and reconstitution activities in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom while we are a nation at war.

3. I would like to give special thanks to the servicemembers and civilians of the following units for their outstanding contributions in making the 60th anniversary a memorable success:

11D	USASETAF	6-52 ADA	529th MP Co
41D	5th Sig Cmd	1-214 Avn Regt	212th MP Co
291D	7ATC	1-27 FA Bn	USAREUR & V Corps Bands
82d Abn Div	7th ARCOM	565th Engr Bn	USAREUR G1
101st Abn Div	266th FINCOM	39th Sig Bn	USAREUR G2
MDW Joint Color Guard	USACCE	43d Sig Bn	USAREUR G3
508th PIR	200th TSC MMC	44th Sig Bn	USAREUR G4
75th Ranger Regt	69th ADA Bde	52d Sig Bn	USAREUR G6
44th Mil History Det	173d Abn Bde	69th Sig Bn	USAREUR G8
USNAVEUR	2d Sig Bde	102d Sig Bn	USAREUR OCPA
USAFE	WISE Media	509th Sig Bn	USAREUR OJA
V Corps	5-7 ADA	212th MASH	USAREUR OPM

4. There were so many units involved, that I hope I have not missed any. If I did, I apologize and thank you also. Your tireless efforts led to an unforgettable commemoration, especially for the veterans who experienced your care and professionalism. They will forever remember what you did, whether you merely escorted them to their seats or just listened to their stories. You have collectively set the standard for the 70th anniversary when others will look back at your efforts as the right standard.

ANY MISSION, ANYWHERE!

B
E
L
L

S
E
N
D
S

#

21-04

5. The veterans of D-day are known as the “Greatest Generation” for leading the first wave in the struggle to liberate Europe in the 20th century. History will remember you—the Soldiers, civilians, and family members who are ridding the world of the scourge of terrorism, as the Greatest Generation of the 21st century. Again, thank you for continuing to execute with excellence, Any Mission, Anywhere!



B. B. BELL
General, USA
Commanding

B
E
L
L

S
E
N
D
S

#

21-04



ANY MISSION, ANYWHERE!